

January 22, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing in support of Microsoft and settling your office's antitrust case against the company. Allowing Microsoft to move on with business is good for the consumers, the company itself, and the economy as a whole--and the economy needs all the help it can get right now.

I have been following the case, and I think that the terms of the agreement are amicable to all involved parties. Microsoft's concessions provide ample room for the growth of competition, and users will have more freedom of choice than ever in regard to what programs they choose to run. Instituting uniform pricing for computer manufacturers will also create a healthy balance and foster competitive spirit for software programmers.

I urge you to settle the Microsoft suit without any additional delay. Their success is important to individual consumers, as well as the American economy itself.

Sincerely,



Mary McBride